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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ATHERTON

SUMMARY: DURING HALF HOUR CALL ON ATHERTON AMBASSADOR
SIDDIQI DISCUSSED POSSIBLE VISITS TO US BY PRESIDENT ZIA
DURING UNGA, BY VICE PRESIDENT SATTAR LATER THIS MONTH AND
BY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HUQ IN
SEPTEMBER. MIDDLE EAST AND BANGLADESH ECONOMIC SITUATION
ALSO DISCUSSED.

1. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR
SIDDIQI ACCOMPANIED BY COUNSELLOR MRS. HOSNE KARIM INITIA-
TED CALL ON ATHERTON AUGUST 17. JANE COON (NEA/PAB) AND
MICHAEL HORNBLOW(NEA/PAB) SAT IN.
AMBASSADOR BEGAN BY ASKING ATHERTON ABOUT MIDDLE EAST.
ATHERTON SAID THAT DESPITE NEGATIVE PRESS REPORTS TRIP HAD
BEEN A USEFUL ONE AND THAT WE HAD BEGUN THE PROCESS OF
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GETTING AN AGREED FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONVENING OF A GENEVA
CONFERENCE. ATHERTON SAID ISRAEL AND ARAB GOVERNMENTS
HAD FELT POSITIVE ABOUT THE TRIP AND THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS
IN THE AREA, INCLUDING ISRAEL, WERE NOT INTERESTED IN
ANOTHER WAR AND WANTED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. ATHERTON
ADDED NEXT STEP IS FOR SECRETARY TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH
ARAB AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTERS IN SEPTEMBER. ATHERTON

CAUTIONED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SOLUTION OVERNIGHT AND IT WILL TAKE PATIENCE.

2. AMBASSADOR SIDDIQI SAID VICE PRESIDENT SATTAR WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON AUGUST 26 AND WOULD LIKE TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON MRS. LILLIAN CARTER AND INVITE HER TO BANGLADESH. SIDDIQI ADDED THAT SATTAR WOULD BE PLEASED TO CALL ON MRS. CARTER IN PLAINS, GEORGIA. ATHERTON SAID THIS WAS A VERY NICE GESTURE. ATHERTON NOTED THAT THIS WAS SHORT NOTICE BUT WE WOULD SEEK AN EARLY ANSWER FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND INFORM THE AMBASSADOR.

3. THE AMBASSADOR SAID FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE VISITING US BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 19 AND OCTOBER 4 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK. ATHERTON RESPONDED THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS DURING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HIS SCHEDULE IS BEING WORKED ON NOW. ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD PASS REQUEST TO SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SCHEDULE A MEETING.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO RAISED POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND ZIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNGA SESSION. ATHERTON SAID THAT IF GENERAL ZIA COMES TO NEW YORK FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION WE WOULD DO CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL WE COULD TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER. ATHERTON ADDED THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO CHECK THIS OUT WITH WHITE HOUSE AND GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR.

5. IN RESPONSE TO ATHERTON'S QUESTIONS SIDDIQI SAID BANGLADESH ECONOMY DOING WELL AND THINGS ARE GETTING BETTER. HE SAID RECENT CABINET CHANGES HAVE BROUGHT YOUNGER PEOPLE INTO GOVERNMENT. THERE HAS HOWEVER BEEN TOO MUCH RAIN AND CROPS WON'T MATCH RECORD '75 AND GOOD '76 HARVESTS. AMBASSADOR SAID BANGLADESH STORAGE FACILITIES COULD HOLD 1.2 MILLION TONS BUT THEY ARE NOW HALF EMPTY. AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID BANGLADESH'S RELATIONS WITH INDIA HAVE IMPROVED AND BORDER TROUBLES HAVE ALMOST DISAPPEARED. ATHERTON RESPONDED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY REGIONAL TRENDS.

COMMENT: DEPARTMENT IS EXPLORING MATTERS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR AND WILL KEEP POST ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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